

# Columbus Citywide Planning Policies

## Introduction

The City of Columbus Planning Division is currently in the process of developing citywide planning policies to guide the next generation of development in Columbus. Central Ohio is projected to grow by up to 1 million people by 2050 (source: insight2050) and Columbus will see the largest share of new residents. The Columbus Citywide Planning Policies, or C2P2, have been designed to guide and focus growth in a way that will support economic competitiveness, improve resident's quality of life and provide environmental benefits throughout the city of Columbus.

## Challenges to Current Process

Columbus currently has over 40 neighborhood and area plans, covering over 90% of the corporate boundary. Due to the amount of time required to update each area plan, the City has been unable to keep all plans updated within the preferred 10 year timeframe resulting in significant differences among plans. , the time involved to keep plans up-to-date, and an absence of citywide priorities for land use and design.

## A New Approach: C2P2

The Columbus Citywide Planning Policies (C2P2) is a new approach to area and neighborhood planning for Columbus. It establishes a basis for future neighborhood planning and development review. C2P2 is based on best practices and policies developed by the City of Columbus over 20+ years of area and neighborhood planning, and it is the city's most up-to-date policies for land use and design. ***C2P2 will allow every area of the city the opportunity to have consistent, up-to-date policies and design guidelines that are regularly updated along with an adopted Land Use Plan.*** C2P2 does not currently apply to historic districts or areas with design review boards or commissions. Table 1.1 (below) provides a description of each element.

C2P2 Element	Description	Application
Guiding Principles	"Big picture" ideas that express how the city should develop and serve as the foundation for the Land Use Policies and Design Guidelines.	Citywide
Design Guidelines	Recommendations for the placement and design of development (what development should "look" like), including topics such as connectivity, setbacks, parking, open space, and natural resources.	Citywide
Land Use Policies	Detailed policies (text) designed to be used with the Recommended Land Use Map in an area's Land Use Plan. These policies provide flexible guidance on key land use issues and scenarios.	Citywide
Land Use Plan(s)	Developed for each area individually. It includes a Recommended Land Use Map and Area Specific Policies, and provides recommendations to address special circumstances in each area.	Area Specific

Table 1.1 – Four primary elements of Columbus Citywide Planning Policies (C2P2)

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## C2P2 and the Community - Adoption

C2P2 may be adopted by area in a two-step process. Step 1, early adoption, provides neighborhoods the opportunity to benefit from C2P2 Design Guidelines earlier than their scheduled Land Use Plan update. Step 2 includes complete adoption of C2P2 by area, including updated Land Use Plans by area. In Step 2, the city will work directly with each area to develop Land Use Plans, including a Recommended Land Use Map and Area Specific Policies (See Table 1.2).

Adoption Stage	C2P2 Element	Engagement/ Application	Description
Step 1 - Early Adoption	Guiding Principles	Citywide	The foundation for the guidelines, policies and plans.
	Design Guidelines	Citywide	Design recommendations for proposed development.
Step 2 - Complete Adoption	Land Use Policies	Citywide	Policy text used with Land Use Plans to provide guidance on land use.
	Land Use Plan	Area Specific	Recommended Land Use Map and Area Specific Policies.

Table 1.2 - Adoption steps and public engagement type for each element of C2P2

## C2P2 and the Community - Engagement

Community engagement is a key component of C2P2, and input will be sought at both a citywide and neighborhood level based on the need and type of update proposed (See Table 1.2). Implementation of C2P2 as citywide policy will occur over several years, as illustrated in Table 1.3. Public engagement is included in each phase of the process. Engagement will begin in Phase I with educating the community on C2P2, followed by citywide engagement in Phase II, and finally engagement with individual areas in Phase III (See Table 1.3).

Phase	Year	Engagement	Goals
Phase I	2018	Educate community on C2P2 policies and timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step 1 - Early Adoption by area</li> <li>Establish C2P2 as a citywide basis for land use planning</li> </ul>
Phase II	2019	Engage stakeholders citywide on land use policies and design guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First update to C2P2 Design Guidelines and Land Use Policies</li> </ul>
Phase III	2020 (ongoing)	Engage stakeholders by area to develop Land Use Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step 2 - Complete adoption of C2P2 by area, including Land Use Plans</li> </ul>

Table 1.3 - Phases of public engagement for C2P2

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